

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 43, 47, 48 and 52 and add new Claims 53-56 as follows.

Claims 1-42. (Cancelled).

43. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus comprising:
a display panel including a plurality of display elements;
display control means for controlling said display panel in a normal display mode, a first power saving mode, a second power saving mode and a third power saving mode, wherein the first power saving mode is a mode in which said display panel displays an image; and

mode transition means for causing said display panel to shift to the first power saving mode or the third power saving mode from a normal mode based on an instruction of a user, and causing said display panel to shift to the second power saving mode from the normal mode based on status of said display panel.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein in the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode, a drive current of each of said display elements of said display panel is controlled.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said display panel further includes a drive clock, and the first power saving mode and the second

power saving mode can achieve power saving by changing a frequency of said drive clock of said display panel.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein in the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode, a drive voltage of said display panel is controlled.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said display panel can display an image even in the second and third saving modes, and the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode ~~suffer less deterioration of quality of an image displayed on said display panel by decreasing~~ are modes in which the electric power supplied to said display panel is decreased, and the third power saving mode suffers some deterioration of quality of an image displayed on said display panel by modifying is a mode in which the image data representing the image to be displayed is modified to save the electric power of said display panel.

48. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a display apparatus, said method comprising:

a display control step of controlling a display panel in a normal display mode, a first power saving mode, a second power saving mode and a third power saving mode, wherein the first power saving mode is a mode in which the display panel displays an image; and

a mode transition step of causing the display panel to shift to the first power saving mode or the third power saving mode from the normal mode based on an instruction of a user, and causing the display panel to shift to the second power saving mode from the normal mode based on status of the display panel.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein in the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode, a drive current of each display element of the display panel is controlled.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode can achieve power saving by changing a frequency of a drive clock of the display panel.

51. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein in the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode, a drive voltage of the display panel is controlled.

52. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 48, wherein the display panel can display an image in the second and third power saving mode, and the first power saving mode and the second power saving mode ~~suffer less deterioration of quality of an image displayed on the display panel by decreasing~~ are modes in which the electric power

supplied to the display panel is decreased, and the third power saving mode ~~suffers some deterioration of quality of an image displayed on the display panel by modifying~~ image data representing the image to be displayed is modified to save the electric power of said display panel.

53. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the second power saving mode is a mode in which said display panel displays an image.

54. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the second power saving mode and the third power saving mode are modes in which said display panel displays an image.

55. (New) The method according to claim 48, wherein the second power saving mode is a mode in which the display panel displays an image.

56. (New) The method according to Claim 48, wherein the second power saving mode and the third power saving mode are modes in which the display panel displays an image.